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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child will be studying Design Technology this year. The Key Stage 4 Course is very resource intensive so in order for your child to create professional and exciting practical projects, we politely request a contribution towards the cost of the materials used. This contribution enables us to provide students with a far superior and quality experience than would otherwise be possible.

At Key Stage 4, this money would be used to provide resources in the following two areas:

Product Design: All wood, metal and plastic, fixings (screws, nails), adhesives, wood finishes (paint, varnish), along with any miscellaneous items such as USB lights.

Textiles: Calico for modelling and miscellaneous items such as zips, piping cord, bias binding, interfacing, decorative trims and fabric. In Year 10, students will have the opportunity to supply their own fabric for one of the projects so that it will match their design. If this is not possible, school can provide plain fabric.

Along with the materials needed, students will also be given a quality sketch book to keep and record all their design concepts.

We always welcome donations of unwanted materials such as fabric, thread, wood or acrylic. This enables us to minimise or reduce student charges in the future. As the year progresses, examples of the student's work will be posted on the DT Instagram.

We are kindly asking each parent to make a voluntary contribution of £8 for the academic year. However, any contribution will be gratefully received, and we understand that if your child is receiving free school meals then you may be unable to make a contribution. All contributions can be paid through the Arbor App or through the College's Finance Office in cash or via credit or debit card in person or over the phone.

We appreciate the help and support that you are able to give and we look forward to working with your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

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